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Seniors made Christmas cards at the library house

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A resident speaks out about the county's solar project in a letter.

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SOLVE THE MURDER MYSTERY



Agatha Christie's Mousetrap has been running at Eleanor Pickay Arts Centre recently with the audience enjoying the humour and drama packaged together in this murder mystery. Turn to page 32 for more photos.

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News

Town has a new chief administrative officer

Mamta Lulla
Western Review

Dwight Dibben, the new chief administrative officer for the Town of Drayton Valley, set up his office at the Drayton Valley Civic Centre last week.

"I have absolutely loved it so far. You have to jump right in. Of course the town is working on budget like every other municipality so right now I am just trying to catch up to where town stands. But it's been great, everyone has been welcoming," said Dibben.

Former Drayton Valley CAO Manny Deol is working from the Civic Centre building as the new chief operating officer for the Clean Energy Technology Centre set to open next year.

Dibben has spent most of his life working in public service with Alberta government having served various departments from Service Alberta, Innovation and Science, Treasury Board, Municipal Affairs to Transportation and Utilities.



New chief administrative officer Dwight Dibben attended his first Drayton Valley Town Council meeting on Nov. 18.

He has been living in Sherwood Park for the past 20 years with his family and they are now looking into options to move to Drayton Valley.

The 46-year-old is aware of the current economic cloud that hangs around this area. "There are challenges in the economy right now but when there are challenges, there are opportunities to be purposeful and direct and take a look at what we do and what we can do moving forward," he said.

He confirmed he is new to the role and likes having staff around that help run everything.

"There are incredibly smart and talented people that work with the town and know their jobs far better than I do right now, so they ensure things keep running smoothly," he said.

He added

there are few more new staff members working at the town office.

"Over time we look at different changes, renewals and retirements and people coming in and taking on, I think my job is to support council and through them the citizens of the community in taking our community to where we want to go in the future," he said.

Deol, who is working on CETC, is still within Dibben's reach.

"It's great for me that he is still here as I can tap into that, reach into that incredible knowledge and history that Manny has," he said.

DRAYTON VALLEY FINE ART SOCIETY PRESENTS...

Annual Christmas Show & Sale
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Wed. Nov. 25th
7pm-9pm Refreshments (show runs until Jan. 1st)
Valley Gallery - 5127 - 51st Avenue

NOTICE OF APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

Please be advised that the Development Authority of the Town of Drayton Valley has approved the following permits with conditions:

DV15-125 2245-60 Street
C/O-General Commercial District
Installation of Signage
(Issued with conditions: November 12, 2015)

DV15-125 4544 & 4842-38 Avenue
R2-General Residential District
Duplex
(Issued with conditions: November 10, 2015)

APPEAL AGAINST A DECISION OF THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
An appeal may be made to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by any person claiming to be affected by the aforementioned decision. Written submissions stating grounds for appeal plus required fees must be received no later than 14 days after the date of Newspaper Publication.

The Town of Drayton Valley
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Planning & Development Officer
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PROMOTING CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY CENTRE



Mayor Glenn McLean was at the CICA 2015 Energy Symposium in Medicine Hat recently promoting Clean Energy Technology Centre (CETC). The theme for the symposium was energy partnerships, innovation, skills, efficiency and research.

Photo submitted



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UP & COMING...

SINGLE & PARENTING?
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Municipal Library 5120-52 Street
Saturdays 2-4pm
Dec. 5 and 19
Get together with other single parents, share tips and ideas over coffee.

INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAM
Nov. 30 & Dec. 11 - 12:45-1:30pm
HW Pick-Up Jr High School is inviting the seniors in our community to stop by for cards, coffee and a visit. Call Jenn at 780-514-2206 for more info.

2016 COMMUNITY GUIDE
We are now accepting submissions for the 2016 Spring Summer Community Guide
The guide will feature activities
February - August 2016
Cost per half page is \$150.00 for non-profit and \$250.00 for businesses listing in the Resource Directory is FREE!
Call Jenn at 780-514-2206 or email: fcassadmin@draytonvalley.ca for more information

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Director of Information Services
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Information on Town Employment Opportunities can be found on our website: www.draytonvalley.ca/employment-opportunities

ARTISTIC BIKE RACKS

The Town of Drayton Valley is inviting local metal-workers to submit proposals for the fabrication of artistic bike racks. Bid forms can be found on the Town's website: draytonvalley.ca/tenders-and-rfp/ or can be picked up at the Town office. Please submit your proposals to: Town of Drayton Valley c/o Danette Mould 5120-52 Street, Drayton Valley AB, T7A 1A1 AND by email to: dmould@draytonvalley.ca
DEADLINE IS TUES. DEC 15, 2015.

Yoga for Kids!

THURSDAY NIGHTS
Nov 12-Dec 17 6:15-7:15pm
Mackenzie Conference Center
Ages 4 - 7yrs Cost: \$50 for 6 classes
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Pre-register at: Total Works Health & Fitness Centre 5745-45 Ave., Drayton Valley
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Nov 12 - Dec 23 Cost: \$150 for 8 Weeks
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Fired up for the holidays

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NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Wed. December 9, 2015
Council Chambers, Town Office - 9:00 am

NEXT GOVERNANCE & PRIORITIES MEETING
Wed. December 2, 2015
Town Office - 9:00 am

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News

Brazeau County to introduce campground lottery bookings

Jessie Kimmick
Western Review

Changes to how bookings can be made for the Brazeau County and Modeste Creek campgrounds will take effect in early January 2016.

Anyone interested in booking the two campgrounds for 2016 can fill out an entry form to be included in a lottery.

"Basically, what we are going to do this year is from Jan. 4 to Jan. 8, we are going to take entries. The entry forms are available on our website and if someone wishes to, we can send them a hard copy as well," said Brazeau County Parks and Recreation Coordinator Colin Loose. "We will take those by e-mail or they drop them off in person between

Jan. 4 and Jan. 8. We will quit taking entries for the lottery on Jan. 8 at 5 p.m. and that is when we will start drawing names in random. Once we've got the booking orders established, we will come back on Jan. 11 and we will start phoning people in the order their names were drawn and we will book that way."

For anyone who will miss the opportunity to join the campground lottery bookings, they may still have a chance to book depending on whether there are any dates left to book after the lottery ends.

"They won't be able to book until after we have taken all of the draws," said Loose. "If there is anything after that, it will go back to a first come-first serve basis." According to Loose, this

new way of booking the campgrounds will hopefully be more efficient. "In recent years, our group campgrounds have become increasingly popular and we have significant increase in demand to book the campgrounds, so inherently it has become quite competitive to book for peak dates especially," he said. "In the past, we have booked on a first come-first serve basis and we have always been trying to provide a fair basis of bookings. This year, we will make sure that it will be more fair and it will be more equitable for people trying to book and it will be a lot more efficient, hopefully."

For more information, visit www.brazeau.ab.ca or contact the Brazeau County office at (780) 542-7777.

PETS AND SANTA



Mamta Lulla Western Review
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NOTICE OF

SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD HEARING
BRAZEAU COUNTY

7401 TWP RD 494 (PO BOX 77), DRAYTON VALLEY, AB T7A 1R1

Take notice that the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board will meet in the Brazeau County Council Chambers on **Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 10:00 am** to consider the following appeal:

APPEAL: To appeal the cancellation of Development Permit 130-172 Natural Resource Extraction, Natural Resource Processing and Accessory - Scale House

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NE 31-49-06-W5M & Pt. SE 06-50-06-W5M

LANDOWNER/APPELLANT: Tevermer Partners Inc.

FILE: 1SSDAB-072

Persons who wish to express an opinion on this application may attend the Hearing on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 10:00 am noted above or submit written comments in advance to the undersigned.

Karoline Drabik, Secretary Designate
Karoline@parioplan.com or 780-423-6824
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS

- November 24th-25th 2015 Draft Budget review from 8am-4pm in Council Chamber. Open to the public.
- November 30th Land Use Bylaw Review from 8am-4pm in Council Chamber. Open to the public.
- December 1st Council Meeting starting at 9am in Council Chamber. Open to the public.
- Information about Brazeau County employment opportunities can be found in the employment section on our website, www.brazeau.ab.ca/departments/administration/employment.

AG SURVEY

The Agricultural Division wants your help to determine the topic of future events being developed for residents of Brazeau County. Go to www.brazeau.ab.ca to fill out the online survey or pick up at the County office main reception to share your level of interest on a number of different agricultural topics for future events. Deadline for submissions is November 30, 2015.

SNOW REMOVAL AGREEMENTS

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Forms are also available on our website at www.brazeau.ab.ca.

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News

Special county meeting adjourns

Mamta Lulla
Western Review

A special Brazeau County council meeting to discuss a solar project initiative was cut short when most of Brazeau County council opposed the adoption of the agenda.

About two minutes into the special meeting in council chambers on Nov. 13, the meeting was adjourned.

"Thanks a lot," said a resident as he threw some papers across the council chambers and into the trash and walked out.

The solar program is looking at using solar power to make homes greener by installing solar panels to generate power. The program is under consideration and needs support from more councillors.

The motion to adopt the agenda was favoured by Reeve Bart Guyon, coun. Kate Westerlund and Shirley Mahan to commence the meeting about the solar project initiative.

It was opposed by the rest of the council, coun. Anthony Heinrich, Marc Greaser, Rita Moir and Mary-

ann Thompson.

As the meeting could not be moved forward, Brazeau County CAO Marco Schoeninger advised council to adjourn the meeting as per the rules. A motion was carried by coun. Heinrich.

"This is obviously no longer council meeting. I understand people took the... to come out here. It was unfortunate that it went this way," said Greaser.

He added that he wanted to have a discussion with the residents who came out but did not want it in a council setting.

"I just didn't want it to be here in a council meeting situation where potentially there could be pressure brought on specific councillors to make decisions that obviously majority of councillors feel they are not prepared to vote," he added.

Some residents voiced their frustration about the meeting not moving forward and wanting more information.

"A lot of people are excited about it and a lot of people don't know what's

going on so that's the premise of this meeting," said Guyon, supporter of the solar project as the meeting was beginning.

Brazeau County staff left the council chambers while the reeve and the councillors along with the public and Town of Devon Mayor Stephen Lindop, who was also present at the meeting, chatted about the solar initiative that the county is considering.

One resident asked whether there was any money budgeted for the solar project initiative.

In an e-mail Schoeninger confirmed that \$500,000 was approved earlier this year funded from unrestricted surplus. He explained solar initiative was not a line item in the approved 2015 budget which is why council approved allocating \$500,000 from unrestricted surplus in 2015.

The Western Review reached out to all councillors via e-mail asking for comments. Schoeninger replied to the e-mail chain advising council to refrain from making any comments until Nov. 24 when council will be debating the solar initiative.

STUDENTS AT COUNCIL MEETING



Mamta Lulla Western Review
Aim for Success representatives along with students from HW Pickup Junior High School were at a recent Drayton Valley Town council meeting. Find out why on page 12.

Group Camping in Brazeau!

New for 2016: Campground Lottery Booking

- ▶ Enter the draw from Jan. 4 – Jan. 8
- ▶ Draw for campground booking will be on Jan. 8 @ 4 PM to establish booking order
- ▶ County will contact entrants in the order they were drawn on Jan. 11
- ▶ Entrants are responsible to be available by phone on Jan. 11; if contact is not made, their entry is forfeited
- ▶ For Lottery Entry Form or for more information, visit www.brazeau.ab.ca or contact:

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Parks & Recreation Coordinator
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POSTMEDIA



Canada

editorial

Delay refugee timeline

Canadians are supportive of refugees coming to their country but they want to see it done right. That's the challenge Prime Minister Justin Trudeau currently faces. Our collective hearts broke when we saw the body of 3-year-old Aylan Kurdi washed up on a beach in Turkey. Canadians understand the plight of Syrians fleeing violence in their homeland. We want to help. But there are practical and compelling reasons to suggest Trudeau should modify his ambitious commitment to bring 25,000 refugees into Canada, beginning with his Jan. 1 deadline.

Sticking both to his target for refugees, and his deadline, creates the appearance of decision making based on a partisan election promise, not on what's best for refugees coming here or this country.

Now that Trudeau is in office, he should let pragmatism guide his decisions. It's also important to note the country is divided over this plan. An Angus Reid Institute poll shows that 54% of Canadians either strongly or somewhat oppose Trudeau's timeline. Our country is willing to do its part. There are many local charities

and church groups preparing to accept refugees. Canadian Forces buses are assessing their vacant housing supply. But, as columnist David Akin noted, "there is growing unease in Canada that the arbitrary deadline of Jan. 1 may lead authorities to cut corners and open potential security concerns."

It's these concerns that motivated Saskatchewan premier Brad Wall to write a letter to the PM urging him to alter his timeline. While acknowledging the need to help, Wall wrote that "if even a small number of individuals who wish to do harm to our country are able to enter Canada as a result of a rushed refugee resettlement process, the results could be devastating."

Wall is right. The PM has signalled he's aware of these concerns. By creating a cabinet subcommittee and appointing a top bureaucrat as a special adviser on the refugee file, Trudeau is clearly taking this issue seriously. However, none of this changes the basic numbers game of bringing 25,000 people to Canada in less than six weeks. Canadians' concerns are legitimate. Trudeau won't lose face if he pushes the deadline back. The refugee situation is indeed urgent but it must still be prudent.

Need to get something off your chest?

E-mail letters to the editor to cathy.weetman@sunmedia.ca



We are a confusing bunch

I am really trying hard these days to understand human beings. Sometimes, it doesn't work out, and other times it turns out that I see this human relationship.

These days, it seems I am leaning more toward the former spectrum. Because there are some moments where I just want to scream; other times I back off and let go. Honestly, I think I shake my head at least a hundred times every day because I can't comprehend what people are doing and more importantly why they are doing it.

I wish there were some sort of obvious nature's way to tell if a person is being sincere. A big heater or flashing lights would help or maybe a more subtle form of Ptolemy's nose. I would take people's cheek getting a rosy glow if they were being kind. Just something.

This hypothetical rosy glow would really help out some of us who don't know the intentions of most people in our life. He or she is trying to help us, sure, but I have to keep asking: are they trying to help me, or are they trying to help themselves by pretending



Mamma's Musings
Mamma Lulla

they are trying to help me? Is this favour going to come back and bite me later? Is this a trap that they are laying for me and I end up in an abandoned mine shaft?

These questions are always on my mind these days. I am very mindful of who is around me and what exactly do they seek.

The more I look into this, the more I find I want to isolate myself and go live with the animals. How lucky was I? But of course he finds Jane later on. But Jane's intentions are pretty clear so no problem there. And her hair would be perfect in the wild. Do you think the rose bushes had a secret conditioner that we

don't know about? Apparently living off the grid is very popular in our nest door B.C. and let's be honest, wouldn't it be a relieving break from this economy? The Paris attacks? The Beirut attacks?

Imagine how much energy we would have every night if people weren't constantly trying to pull us down. I would have the energy to stay up late and catch up on Netflix.

My brain does tell me you will learn about this as you grow older and have experiences with different people in life.

But I do in the meantime what I was the reader in a book called 'My Life' and I knew what was going on. Instead, I am a character in my book called 'My Life' that walks around pretending to know everything but in reality doesn't know a single thing. I think it is called dramatic irony, when the reader or a viewer knows what's going on but the character has to somewhat get there.

Maybe I will look forward to getting older now, or maybe I'll pack my bag, a tent and my conditioner and live off the grid. But then again, who am I kidding? I like Netflix too much.

Column

It's been a looong recuperation

I'm back! Or at least 95 per cent of me is back.

On August 17, I lost a few parts of some elbow bones when I fell backward down some concrete steps and landed on the sidewalk left elbow first. According to the surgeon who tried to place the bones back together again, there were at least three major fractures of my arm and elbow bones, two of which have already healed up.

During a three hour operation on August 18, the surgeon spent three hours piecing my arm together with a titanium plate, one long screw and several smaller ones. Hopefully the gaps between the bones will fill in and, with the help of a special stretching brace, I may be able to fully straighten my arm again in the next few months.

Ever the optimist, right after the accident happened, I begged my surgeon to let me go back to work. He not only vetoed that idea, but also banned me from driving for the next four months. At my last check up in early November, and after three months of healing, only then did I discover the extent of my injuries when I saw photographs of my arm from the night of the accident and again on November 2 with the plate and screws holding my fragile bones together.

I'm sure that after three months, my surgeon was tired of me begging him to let me go back to work, so he finally allowed me to drive again and return to the newspaper. Since I've always been an independent person, I found it difficult during these past three months to ask for rides to the hospital and therapy clinic and have them wait for me.

Do you know what's eerie about this accident? On August 18, 1983 (52 years earlier) I fell off my bicycle on the road beside my house in Calgary while trying to avoid hitting one of my friends. I landed arm first on the road and broke the lower bone on the same arm so badly that the bone passed through the skin (as did this one, only I didn't know it at the time).

My first day back at the Western Review was November 18, where my reporters Justine



Cathy's Comments
Cathy Weetman

and Mamma were happy to see me. I know they worked hard during the past three months? was gone and I will be forever grateful for their extra help.

From this latest accident, I learned a lot of insights and lessons.

Number 1, if you're going to

take a mattress down the stairs, throw it down first. Then if you fall, you'll have something softer to land on than concrete steps and sidewalks.

Number 2, just because older women have 'batwings' instead of triceps, they won't help you safely fly down a set of stairs.

Number 3, if the surgeon tells you that you can't drive or go back to work right away, believe him. He's pieced enough bones together to know that severe injuries like mine take a lot of time to heal.

Number 4, stay positive. Time does heal all wounds. I just need more of it - the time, not the wounds.

By the way, does anybody know how to get blood out of a pair of sneakers?

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News

Town to host two branding sessions

Justine Kimoden
Western Review

Town of Drayton Valley residents are encouraged to attend a branding process session to review the town's branding image. There will be two sessions held. The first session will be held on Nov. 25 from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Mackenzie Conference Centre and the second session will take place on Nov.

26 from 9 a.m. to noon at the curling lounge in the Drayton Valley Olympics.

"Basically, we are going to have focus groups where we sit down six to eight people and then we look at Drayton Valley's identity and where we want to be in the next five, 10, 15, and 20 years," said Town of Drayton Valley communications and marketing coordinator, Tyler Russell.

According to Russell, 27 years have passed since the town's slogan has been changed.

"We want to be able to look at it because the last time that our brand was evaluated and changed a little bit was back in 1988," he said. "Originally, our slogan was 'Growing Together' and it was changed to 'Pulling Together'. It is time to look at it. It does not necessarily mean changes (are going to be made)

on it but we just want to be able to look at it and make sure that we are properly aligned with what we need to do."

All community members are invited to come out to the branding sessions.

"The more people that we get, the more insight from the community that is here, whether you have been here for three years or you have been here for 30 years, we want to hear from

everybody," said Russell. "We want to have the voice of the community. We really want to hear from the community. This is something important and we truly believe in it, so we want to make sure that we end up having as many voices from the community as we can with key stakeholders."

For more information, contact the town office at (780) 514-2200.

PCN to host diabetes walk and talk

Justine Kimoden
Western Review

Primary Care Network (PCN) is holding a Diabetes Walk and Talk on Nov. 25 starting at 1:30 p.m. in honour of National Diabetes Awareness Month.

A short walk and casual conversations to educate participants about diabetes are some of the activities planned by PCN.

"November is Diabetes Awareness Month," said Kathryn Gillett, registered nurse. "We want to bring awareness to it so we are hosting a short walk, weather

permitting, and then we are inviting everybody to come back to the PCN. We are going to provide a healthy snack and just have a casual information session sharing about diabetes and resources and how PCN can assist you. Every participant of the walk has a chance to win a Piñata."

According to Gillett, this is the first time PCN is hosting a walk and talk for diabetes.

"This is our first time but we are thinking of making it an annual event," she said.

Anyone interested in participating or wants to know more information, can

contact (587) 464-0228.

"Everyone is welcome," Gillett said.

"Dress for the weather and bring any questions you may have."



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News

CETC gets an anonymous donor

Marianne Lillis
Western Review

The Town of Drayton Valley has received a donation for the Clean Energy Technology Centre (CETC) to install a solar panel electricity system.

The donor has requested to remain anonymous and would like to utilize the solar panels to demonstrate educational learning and awareness of alternative energy at the CETC.

The solar electricity system will cost \$77,226 and the donor is able to provide 50 per cent funding up to \$40,000 while the town is asked to contribute the rest.

A motion was passed to accept the proposal with CETC approximately receiving 112 solar panels installed on the roof of the building.

ANTI-BULLYING TALKS
Town council chambers became quiet for a few minutes on the morning of Nov. 18 at the town council meeting.

Representatives from Aim for Success were at

the Drayton Valley Town council meeting along with students from Youth Action Team. The team shared their bullying prevention work consisting of programs and activities and their work at the HW Pickup Junior High School with council.

Students and mentors took to the stage and shared the work along with a Youth Action Team member who shared a poem about anti-bullying.

The week of Nov. 15 to Nov. 21 was declared Bullying Awareness Week in Drayton Valley.

"Anti-bullying has to be part of our culture not just the focus once a year," said Aim for Success project coordinator Chris Lees. He added that the group makes use of the Bullying Awareness Week and reminds people in the community about mental health and importance of relationship building.

Another community member, Carrie Hickman, representing Pembina Girls Connection Society and Healthy Communities Coalition, shared bullying sta-

tistics and explained various forms of bullying.

SHARK PARK
Members from the Shark Park committee were at town council on Nov. 18. They shared their plan about having an accessible park and an outdoor gym near St. Anthony School.

The team was looking for support for a grant application, which means they either need funds or commitment of funds from council which could be matched with the grant funding.

One member explained the vision for the new park would be accessibility for everyone regardless of ability.

They explained the park and gym total cost is about \$530,000 and the committee is currently sitting at \$75,000.

They shared their plans to reach out to other community groups such as the Rotary Club of Drayton Valley and Brazeau County for funding requests as well.

The school and the committee will continue with their fundraising events in the meantime.

BRAZEAU GYMNASTICS FUNDING DECLINED

Brazeau Gymnastics was denied \$880 requested to cover unexpected costs that the club is facing due to moving to a new facility.

"It will be a slippery slope; the request doesn't have to do with an event. It's a utility cost [for the club]," said coun. Brandy Fredrickson, explaining other organizations might come forward with similar requests if council approved the funding request.

A motion was passed to decline the request. Coun. Nicole Nadeau asked administration to look at other alternatives for the club such as applying for grants with FCS.

Coun. Fayrell Wheeler said the amount requested is not a lot of money and it will support 200 youth gymnasts in the community.

"I hope there is something else we can do," she said.

Coun. Fredrickson said maybe the club could apply for an event grant next year and get some support that way.

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AER held an education and awareness session

Justine Kimodan
Western Review

An education and awareness session was hosted by the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) on Nov. 12 at the Rocky Rapids Hall starting at 8:30 p.m.

According to AER senior advisor Tom McGee, the session is necessary to bring awareness to the public of the changes in the AER process.

"There were some concerns back in 2007 so our agency is changed a little bit, so we just want to make sure that they know what the changes are," he said.

Statements of concern and alternative dispute resolution were some of the topics included in the session.

"The session is about the AER, to talk to the citizens about the process of how statements of concern work and how the application process works," said McGee. "If people have concerns about the oil and gas companies, (we are here to inform about) our process on how they would get to register those statements of concern. And it is only about the AER process. It won't be at

all the merits of the application."

According to AER Engagement Specialist Krista Waters, there is a guideline to follow when submitting statements of concern.

"It has to be submitted within that 30 day public notice of application. You need to demonstrate that you are being directly and adversely impacted by the application. It needs to contain the application number," she said. "We also need your name and contact information. It's really good if you give us a phone number or an email address not just a

mailing address. It also needs the name of the company proposing the activity or development. Also include the type of project whether it is a well or a pipeline or both in some cases. We also need to know the location of the proposed project and the location of your land. (It should also contain) a summary of your concerns and any history or background information."

Waters also explained what an alternative dispute resolution is and why there is a need for it.

"It is a tool for resolving disputes. It includes direct nego-

tiation, AER staff mediation or facilitation, third party mediation or facilitation, and alternative dispute resolution by hearing commissioner," she said. "Alternative dispute resolution avoids or narrows scope of public hearings. It provides control over the process. It allows for creative outcomes. It builds positive working relationships for the future. It saves time and money."

The session ended with a question and answer period between the facilitators and the session attendees.

Many business owners and residents came out to vent their frustrations with the Alberta government when the Shadow Minister of Energy for Alberta, Leela Abour, came to Drayton Valley on Nov. 19. Watch out for the full story in the next edition of the Western Review.

Contributors wanted for book about FASD

Justine Kimodan
Western Review

Community members who have lived with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) can share their life stories to be included in a book entitled *On the Wings of Success*.

The book is an idea of Charlene Poirier from Calgary.

"The book is focused on people living with FASD whether they have just found out or whether they have known and how they were able to man-

age or overcome any obstacles because for many of them, life is 10 times harder than a normal average person," Poirier said. "I do want to contribute to the world of successes through sharing other people's stories about FASD. I am adopted and I am very aware of FASD being a part of the native background because I am half-native and it is a big issue with alcohol abuse during pregnancy and how it affects people."

Poirier said she hopes the book will be useful to members

of society including teachers and counsellors.

"I am hoping that this book will end up as a useful tool to professionals like people who are in law enforcement and social services. Perhaps even teachers and counsellors," she said. "This is a positive learning opportunity for me and I hope it opens the eyes of many others who are in a learning journey as well."

Anyone interested in contributing to the book can contact Poirier at (403) 483-1394.

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RUGBY BALL



Drayton Valley Western Review

Drayton Valley Riggers Rugby Club held their third annual rugby ball with awards, dinner and a silent auction on Nov. 14. The season ended for the club in September. Various awards were given out to players depending on their performance while recognizing their skills. Next season for the club starts in spring of 2016.



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News

Town councillors will mentor young women

Marta Lulla
Western Review

The Town of Drayton Valley is working on a women in leadership program that will focus on mentoring young women with mentorship coming from councillors and not for profit and business leaders.

Council members and administration discussed terms of reference for the program at the government and priorities committee meeting on Nov. 18.

Coun. Nicole Nadeau said she would like the focus of the program to be young girls but the window should be open to other age groups so nobody gets excluded. Mayor Glenn McLean had previously asked the terms of reference to have male councillors as mentors for the young women as well and be part of the program. At the recent meeting, he asked for there to be more than one councillor on any team.

"I argued for male councillors to be part of this but I am also sen-

sitive to women of high school age who would be more at ease if there will be pairing of councillors," he said.

Coun. Brandy Fredrickson said she would like to see expectations from councillors in the terms of reference so all participants, no matter which councillors they are paired up with get a similar mentorship experience.

Some of the expectations that both councillors and administrative members discussed were attending some of the

meetings at the town and being part of projects that the council is part of.

Coun. Debra Bossert added mentees can also be invited to social events to show them councillor's role in a community.

"The purpose is to show mentees what a councillor does and our role is not just at this table, it's much more than that," she said.

TOURISM AUTHORITY Coun. Graham Long and Brandy Fredrickson will be representatives of the tourism authority that will go forward between the Town of Drayton Val-

ley and Drayton Valley Tourism and Hospitality Authority (DVHTA).

Long noted that originally Brazeau County was also part of the authority, but now the two parties will go forward since the

county is no longer going to be part of the regional authority.

He added both DVHTA and the town will provide funding for the authority.

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Two calls for the fire department

Marta Lulla
Western Review

A hit and run incident kept the Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services busy on Nov. 12 around 9 p.m.

A two vehicle collision took place on Hwy 1021 near the Peninsula Bridge and a vehicle fled the scene.

One person reported minor injuries and was taken to the Drayton Valley Hospital for observation.

Another call came in on Nov. 14 when someone was driving on the newly built bridge and reported a fire on the old bridge. The fire members checked it out and realized it was a candle.

SMOKERS ASKED TO BE CAUTIOUS
The local fire services are asking people to be careful while putting out cigarettes specially those who live in apartment buildings.

Deputy Fire Chief of Operation Murray Galavan said there have been incidents when discarding of smoking materials has led to large fires.

He added the Edmonton Fire Department has a campaign about the issue and they are educating building owners and managers.

"We can put out the same message here because we do have apartment buildings with balconies and we have had incidents in the past with smoking materials incinerators which have started fires," he said.

He said a safe way to dispose of cigarettes is to have a metal container with a little bit of water in it.

He asked people to be careful while disposing of an ash tray into the garbage because sometimes we think cigarettes are out and they are not.

"When they are contained in a smaller area they will heat up enough to cause

a fire igniting whatever is in the bag," he said.

PAS meeting to be held November 26

Submitted time at this week's meeting providing the group with a bit more detail about their role and involvement in industry activities in the area. The session will begin with lunch at noon and the meeting will get underway shortly before

1:00pm with a bit of business and some activity updates before the presentation. The meeting will be held at the Penn West building in Drayton, and the public is invited to attend. An RSVP to help with planning metal numbers would be appreciated.

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Electricity generators have also demonstrated strong corporate involvement by supporting community organizations, local social and recreational programs, and making significant investments in Aboriginal communities. These supports will likely be at risk.

While the impact on future investment in Alberta cannot be ignored, our concerns are more immediate. For many businesses throughout the province, the prospect of rapidly rising electricity costs in the face of uncertainty and a prolonged economic downturn may be an untimely trade-off.

There are solutions that achieve multiple objectives - environmental leadership, job protection, affordable and competitive electricity, and economic growth. There are many viewpoints on this, and all should be heard. The Dial Down Coal - Dial Up Renewables approach advanced by TransAlta, ATCO, and Maxin, is one alternative we encourage your government to consider. Thank you for your consideration.



News

NorQuest turns 50 years old

Mamta Lulla
Western Review

Drayton Valley Administrative Professional class is celebrating NorQuest College's 50th birthday by putting together a social event, which is part of their program curriculum.

In our Administrative Professional program we have a course called Event Management and one of the requirements of the courses

is that students put on an event. Since it is NorQuest College's 50th birthday, we decided to do something," said Lori Harrison, instructor for business careers with NorQuest College Drayton Valley campus.

NorQuest College opened in 1965 as Alberta Vocational Centre. "The event is celebrating NorQuest College's 50th birthday and we are also going to touch on celebration of NorQuest

College within the community of Drayton Valley because they have a history here dating back to the early 80s," said Harrison.

Many local leaders from the community have been invited as the event being hosted by the program students who are putting an event together on a budget as required by their curriculum.

"They are given a limited budget and so in practice as administrative professionals, they have to learn how to work within that budget to put on an event," she said.

The college will be part of the new CETC building. "We are looking at this as an opportunity to celebrate NorQuest's role in the province and especially with the community of Drayton Valley, but also as a showcase to see what our students can do when it comes to their role as an administrative professional," said Harrison.



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CHURCH BAKE SALE FOR CHARITY



Mamta Lulla Western Review

A fall pie, tea and bake sale was organized at the St. Anthony Church Hall on Nov. 14. Funds raised from the event will go towards a charity along with the local food bank. Some portion of the money will also go towards renovating the church's kitchen.



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Drayton Valley Thunder win two games on home ice



Mamta Lulla Western Review
It was a good weekend for the Drayton Valley Thunder with two home games and both wins. On Nov. 15 the Thunder played against Drumheller Dragons and won 3-2. Next home games for the team are on Nov. 27 and 28.



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Sports

Local boxer competed at Western Canadian Boxing Championships

Western Review

Ash Rowan, a boxer from Drayton Valley, made it as a member of Team Alberta and competed at the Western Canadian Boxing Championships held in Vancouver from Nov. 20 to Nov. 22. Boxers from Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan competed at the Western Canadian Boxing Championships.

"I was excited. I have never been to the West and I have never been on Team Alberta," said Rowan. "This is my first year and a lot of these guys have been to nationals and world tournaments so just to even be a part of that is an accomplishment itself. I can personally say that Team Alberta is very strong. We're all good. We all push each other and we seem to get along."

Rowan started boxing five years ago, but took time off from the sport due to personal reasons.

"It was not until late last season that I decided to get back

to boxing. I competed for one year and then I took four years off with personal issues and dealt with my personal issues and now I am getting more into boxing," he said. "It is only my second year competing in boxing. Everyone I am going up against has many years under their belt which is good because I am learning. I am always being pushed to be better. You fight when you are told and sometimes it is in your favour and sometimes the odds are against you but there are no excuses."

When asked how he felt when he became a member of Team Alberta, Rowan said he felt accomplished.

"I felt a sense of accomplishment. It made me feel that all the hard work did not go unnoticed," he said. "It really motivated me. It boosted up my confidence and it made me feel that the long days, hard training sessions, lack of sleep, sometimes lack of food because I am trying to watch my weight, were all worth it. It feels like I am being rewarded for my hard work so it is a good feeling."

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According to Rowan, training for a competition is harder than the competition itself.

"Training is the bigger thing, being in shape, being conditioned. You can be the best boxer in the world but if you are not in shape or conditioned or if you do not treat your body right, you are not going to have any success. The hard part is the training and once you are on the ring and the bell goes, that is the easy part. It is nine minutes of adrenaline, excitement, pain, and pleasure. It is all mixed emotions but prior to the fight, it is months and months of hard work," he said. "It is more than just going inside the ring and trying to beat your opponent. It is more like a chess match. It is very difficult. It is more than just walking and showing up at the fight and fighting. There is a lot of mental preparation that goes into it that can be stressful sometimes, but it can also be very rewarding."

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News

Wolf culls in Little Smoky, Alberta: Living in the Age of Consequences

By Peter Lee,
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A cull is a selective slaughter of wild animals in order to reduce the population. Wolf culls have been used by the Alberta Government since 2005 in order to try to save some populations of woodland caribou. The culling apparently began as an experiment in the range of the Little Smoky caribou herd which is north of Brazeau County and south of Hinton. That caribou population had been rapidly declining over the past - 60 percent in only 20 years.

Woodland caribou are in trouble throughout their range in Canada. Their numbers are dropping because of habitat loss and high levels of predation by wolves. The result of vast changes in their ranges from a variety of industrial development pressures. Various analyses clearly indicate the threat to woodland caribou across Canada is highest in Alberta because of the combined pressures of expanding forestry and oil and gas development.

The wolf cull is carried out in winter when the dark fur of the wolves is easier to spot against the snow and has claimed more than 1,000 animals. Hunters shoot from high-powered rifles from nimble two-wheeled helicopters that can hover close to a pack or lone wolf.

In addition to aerial gunning, strychnine is set out to poison wolves. Many other species that incidentally eat the poison also die. There is no death toll for the additional animals that died from poisoning. Neck snares are also permitted. Internal Alberta government documents show that up until 2012, neck snares were the primary cause of death for 676 animals.

In addition to the wolves, around the Little Smoky region, species caught in these neck snares included grizzly bear, cougar, eagle, lynx, otter, owl, and weasels. And caribou, the reason for the wolf cull in the first place, are also dying as unintended deaths in neck snares.

The cost of the cull is somewhere between \$3,000 and \$10,000 per wolf. This makes the cost of the wolf cull so far between \$3,000,000 and \$10,000,000. I'm unclear who pays but assume it is primarily the Alberta taxpayer.

Some local scientists have speculated that, based on the results of the Little Smoky wolf cull over more than a decade, this kind of predator control

may be an effective short-term strategy to stabilize caribou populations and thereby reduce the risk of the disappearance of endangered caribou. Other scientists argue that the Little Smoky wolf cull likely resulted in more wolves now in the area because the remaining wolves had more wolf pups and because culling wolves leaves behind empty territories that were likely quickly re-occupied by neighbouring wolves. And it is scientifically unclear if the wolf cull actually reduced the decline of caribou. Some argue that the wolf cull may actually have increased the risk to the remaining wolf caribou.

The sub-species of wolf that resides in Alberta belongs to the group which includes the largest animals. The average winter weight for Alberta males is 48 kg (110 lbs). Although normally gray in colour, variations from white to black are common, with black wolves being disproportionately high in Alberta. 55% compared to 35% in northern BC and 32% in Alaska.

Very social by nature, wolves live in packs that average four to eight animals but may be as low as two and as high as 30. Lone wolves account for less than 15% of the population. Lone wolves are usually outcasts that exist in the shadows of more formalized packs. A pack is dominated by an alpha male and female. Wolf pups enjoy care and training by the entire pack. A wolf pack may cover a distance of more than 100 km in a single day and lay claim to a large territory of 100 to 500 km². The boundary is marked repeatedly with urine and scat that signal possession. This territory may then be defended by the pack from other possible wolf intruders.

Wolves eat anything from mice to moose. A wolf's diet consists mainly (80%) of deer, elk, moose, bighorn sheep, and bison, with the remaining 20% being smaller mammals like beaver, snowshoe hare, and muskrat.

Although wolves in captivity have about the same life span as their cousin the dog, wolves in the wild lead precarious lives and often die young. Attacking and bringing down large prey such as a moose is dangerous and often results in injury or death to the wolf. Wolves ran scent glands over 1.5 km away and usually hunt in an organized manner, as a pack. They capture their prey by running their weight against the animals to knock them off balance.

Often a pack member closes in behind its prey and attacks the rear or the legs with powerful jaws, while other wolves grab the nose or the throat. As soon as the victim drops, the pack begins to eat. Wolf packs kill an ungulate on average every 2.5 to 5.5 days. Usually the pack remains with a kill until it is fully consumed. A pack's hunting success ratio is low for example, on average, for every 12 moose pursued only one is killed.

If necessary, a wolf can survive for more than two weeks without food, but then must gorge and digest vast amounts when a kill is made. On average, an individual wolf will eat 2.2 kg to 4.5 kg of meat, bone, and hide daily and needs approximately 1.7 kg of meat per day for survival. Its wolf habits, densities very remarkably from one wolf per 10 km² to one every 80 km².

Wolves howl in order to contact and locate their pack members. Each pack member sings or howls at a slightly different pitch and is recognized by the others. Wolves detect howls from up to 10 km away.

At an uncertain best, it seems to me that a wolf cull campaign can only offer a very expensive and temporary relief to the steady decline in caribou numbers. Without protecting significantly large chunks of habitat, and feeding it from logging, petroleum development, and motorized entry, the woodland caribou is likely a doomed species that no amount of wolf control can possibly recover. It is even possible to have large forested areas in Alberta restricted from industrial development?

One thing is certain, culling or not culling wolves to save caribou will have dramatic consequences for caribou, for wolves, for taxpayers, for surrounding cattle producers, for public opinion.

I don't have an easy answer. I doubt there is one, especially when wolves elicit strong opinions from most people - you either love 'em or hate 'em.

But in thinking about this issue, I came to realize that we seem to be living in the Age of Consequences. In a situation like this one in Alberta, I wonder what Aldo Leopold might do when applying his ethical principle: "A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong if it tends otherwise."

(A Sand County Almanac 1949)

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School Notebook

AUTHOR

Thank you to all the families that participated in the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Campaign. Your donations will make a child in need in a developing country feel special during the holiday season. The Santa's Anonymous box will be in the school lobby until Dec. 17. It is for local Drayton families in need of Christmas. Donations must be new unwrapped toys or non-perishable food items.

The PAC Flea Market is happening this Thursday in the gym and is for students to purchase donated items for their families as Christmas gifts. If you would like your child to participate, they will need to bring a few dollars to school on Thursday.

There will be an all-school month and assembly on Friday Nov. 27 at 2:10 in the gym. Parents are welcome to attend.

Full report cards will be issued this Friday 27th with parent teacher interviews scheduled for Dec. 3 for students who have been requested by parents or teachers.

ELDOBORO

Time seems to be flying quickly by, as we move into the holiday season. Our Division 8 students are working hard to learn lines and develop effective acting skills in preparation for our musical production, which will take place on Dec. 16 at 6:30. Our Division 1 concert will take place on Dec. 14 at 6:30. Order forms for musical T-shirts have gone home, and are due back at the school by Nov. 25. Children's T-shirts are \$20.

And as we enter the holiday season, Eldorado students are looking forward to giving as well as receiving. To that end, our Santa's Anonymous and Food Bank boxes will be set out at the beginning of December, and we will be doing the 12 Days of Giving with each class designated with a gift or food item to bring.

Our Youth Action Team and Mrs. Reich from Aim for Success were busy during Bullying Awareness week, Nov. 16-20, making presentations to classrooms and promoting our Kindness Trees as a way to help students combat bullying.

Due to unforeseen circum-

stances, our report cards will be coming home on Dec. 2 rather than Nov. 27, with Parent Teacher Interviews to take place on Dec. 7. Parents may call the office any time between now and Dec. 7 to book an appointment for an interview. December 4 is a Professional Learning day, so there will be no school for students on that day.

Our first Healing Train Challenge has been completed, and students will be taking part in a skating party reward on the afternoon of Nov. 24.

Rainbow Lunch is this week, Nov. 23 - 27. Please send a healthy lunch with something from each food group.

Eldorado PAC's latest fundraiser, Purdy's Cinco-latas, is underway and orders are due in by Nov. 24. Product ordered will be available for pickup at this school at the end of the day on Dec. 8. Please note that you can order online, as well.

A reminder, too, for parents that Eldorado PAC meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30. All parents are welcome!

EVERGREEN

Yes, it's winter! We still plan on enjoying our three recesses (remember the bonus recess before school) and phys-ed classes outside. Make sure you dress in layers as the temperature can change throughout the day.

With the arrival of snow, keep in mind that road conditions also change. When approaching school zones, please slow down. Children must also be reminded that cars take longer to stop. Be safe everyone!

Did you know...schools in the Wild Rose School Division will stay open all day on regularly scheduled school days regardless of the weather, providing that the building is deemed safe and comfortably heated? The primary consideration in the event of severe weather conditions shall be the health and safety of students. Parents are expected to exercise good judgment and care when deciding whether or not to send their child(ren) to school when weather conditions are extreme. The following measures shall be taken to promote safe student transportation during cold and inclement weather

conditions.

When! What a busy month! We would like to thank Jaclyn from CPAWS who put on our awesome Water Rangers and Spec-tacles at Risk presentations for all grade two through five classes. It was also Anti-bullying week and Aim for Success and the Youth Action Team had many activities planned. Their message this year was focused on doing acts of kindness to counter acts of bullying. They started the week with an anti-bullying pledge and took pictures of all the students. Random Acts of Kindness was also relaunched this week.

The youth action team joined Mrs. Cheney for her Second Step classes and read anti-bullying books to the students and then had a brief conversation about what a bully actually is (not just someone that won't play with you) and how not to be a bystander. To top off our anti-bullying week, on November 19 students at Evergreen were treated to remarkable stories told by Renee Ringler. Her presentations were engaging, and involved students in conversations related to issues of peer pressure, bullying, harassment and friendship. Renee's stories helped us to consider how we can help people who are being harassed.

Changes are coming! Teachers have been working on a new format of report card. Included this time are the cross-curricular competencies that teachers have been focusing on, an example would be critical thinking. These are some of the skills necessary for our learners today. Our teachers worked hard on November 20th, the PD day, to incorporate these competencies in their lessons. They also learned about Robotics thanks to Mrs. Kotyk and Mrs. Bullock. Report cards and portfolios will be coming home December 3rd.

HW PICKUP

We hope you all had a great long weekend! Remembrance Day ceremony was all done very well. Students were respectful and we got a visit from the Captain McCann. Richard Thank you to our Homeless and Corporal.

Everyone was in their jerseys on November 19th!

There were so many colors and varieties. Thanks to everyone who showed up with a jersey!

HW Pickup was in the Drayton Valley parade on Nov. 20. Thank you to all the volunteers.

Report Cards for Term One go out on November 27th! We can't believe how fast first term has gone by! It will be a busy break before you know it.

Term 2 starts on Nov. 30th.

We have seniors coming to play cards, crib and bingo at HW on November 30th at around 12:45 if you are interested in checking it out.

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We also want your views on how we can work with employers to make lives better for farm and ranch workers. For example:

- How should hours of work for farms and ranches be regulated?
- How should vacation leave work on farms and ranches?
- How do we make these changes while protecting family farms and ranches?

A town hall session will be held Monday, December 7 from 1:00-4:00 pm at West Western Plus Downtown Inn & Suites, 5207 50th Avenue, Leduc. Space is limited, pre-registration is encouraged.

To learn more, take part in an online survey or attend a town hall near you, visit work.alberta.ca/farmandranch

For more information, call 1-866-415-8600.
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SEANTHONY
Parent Teacher Interviews will be November 23 and November 24 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Follow the link on our website to book your appointment. Please take this opportunity to find out how your child is doing in their new grade. We look forward to seeing you and your child.

Monster Book Fair is coming to St. Anthony's School! November 23 to December 2 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and during Parent Teacher Interviews, night November 23 and November 25 from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Our Hot Lunch program is underway. If you have any questions, comments or would like to volunteer, please contact Michelle at 780-521-7721 or lessa@sdm.ca.

News from the Shark Lark

Running Club have their feet quickly moving! Every Monday from 4:15 - 4:45 PM.

Parent Council News & Notes

Volunteers are needed for our Winter wonderland Fair December 4th. Please contact Amber at 780-521-0811. Please come & volunteer. Remember: Many hands make light work.

Parent Councils next meeting is November 16th @ 7:00, babysitting will be provided. All attendees will enter to win free hot lunch for your child.

Shark Park News
Panago Pizza Vouchers fundraiser, \$10.00 per voucher for 1 Medium Pizza \$7.00 from each voucher sold will go to the Shark Park. Honored at any Panago Pizza across Canada!

Important Reminders
Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for Alberta weather. Our playground can be quite windy. Bus student's need to be well prepared in case a bus should break down.

Please label all jackets, lunch bags, shoes, hats, boots (safety in the winter) and snow pants. We often have incidences of students wearing the wrong footwear. It will be outdoor recess unless weather drops below 20.

Please ensure that you use the towelwalk when you drop off your children. We want students to be safe at all times.

There is a Handicapped parking spot in the South side of the crosswalk to the bus stop at school. Please make sure that you are not parked in this spot as this spot needs to be available for those who require it.

Please pull into a parking spot (where there is NO yellow paint) when dropping off, picking up students in the back or front parking lot of the school.

Office hours are 8:00 - 4:00. Parents please make sure you call the office or email kennele@seantony.ca or starathol@seantony.ca. If your child will be late or absent. If you have reached the answering machine please leave a message as staff are unavailable to answer the phone.

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24th Mrs. Prentice's class swimming 11:00 - 12:00.

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26th Tim Horton's Snack & Drink Mrs. Malloy's class swimming 11:00 - 12:00.

27th - NO SCHOOL! Teacher's Institute Day. Info can be found at seantony.ca or Facebook, St. Anthony's School Drayton-Valley.

TOMAHAWK
This month our school community continued to brighten other people's lives and bring a little joy into the world. Our school community takes great pride in our accomplishments in making a difference for those who need it locally and globally.

During our 'Share the Warmth' Winter Clothing Drive campaign, together with the 1111th, we managed to bring in 15 large bags of winter clothing to Big Wolf Country radio station. Thank you, thank you! That will bring a lot of warmth to families this winter.

Thank you to everyone who brought in a filled shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. To date we have collected over 40 boxes. Children in other countries will treasure these precious gifts.

For years to come. Starting on Thursday until Christmas break we are kicking off our 'Wishing Tree' Campaign. In our office we have a tree that is covered in Christmas wish tags. For every wish filled a Christmas ornament goes on the tree. Our goal is to have the tree fully decorated with ornaments by December 18th!

We wish to express heart felt appreciation for all the support we receive at the

school. We couldn't provide half of the wonderful opportunities if it wasn't for all of you. Thank you, thank you! Thank you to the Tomahawk Ag Center for sponsoring our 'Wishing Tree' coming up December 1st! Participants will have full use of the hall for all 3 days during the tournament. It is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to the Tomahawk Rural Crime Watch and Tomahawk Ag Center for sponsoring the 'Wishing Tree' parent information night at the school on Wednesday, November 18th at 6:30pm and the student sessions taking place November 20th. Great information for all on the dangers of on-line predators.

Thank you to Hogs & Boes for donating a door prize for our Halloween Family Pumpkin Night! It was won by Mr. Price who joined us that evening.

Thank you to Friends of Tomahawk School for supporting our Artist in Residence Dance Program and paying half of the funds needed to bring in this program for our students. We are looking forward to it! All parents are invited to join us on December 4 at 1:00 pm to see our fabulous grand finale performance. Make sure to bring your dancing shoes!

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Thank you to Mrs. Gwen Yakimovich, who came in to speak to our Grades 2-6 students about her recent project trip to Peru! She shared beautiful photographs, collected artifacts and explained what her team did to improve the quality of life for several Peruvian families. Thank you for sharing your amazing experience with us.

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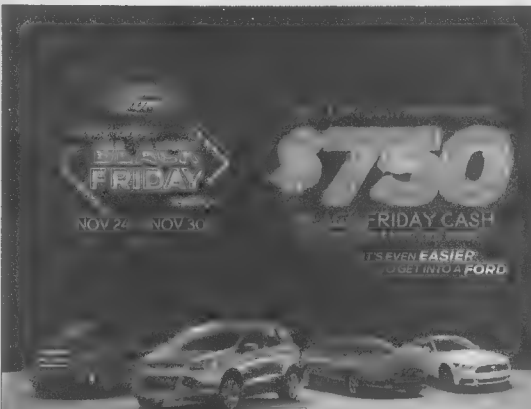
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Letters to the editor

Reader responds to letter about special meeting

I would like to respond to Brazeau County Councillor Anthony Herricks' letter to the editor in the Nov. 10 edition of The Western Review.

When I read his letter I was disappointed on how Mr. Herricks put out the information to the public. I have been at numerous council meetings and information nights on the solar system project. I have never heard of a 15 min meeting where council ever discussed handing the trial cost of the solar system.

My lucky friend told me today by a council member that his system would be \$18,000 and the county was going to pay for that. The resident didn't think it was fair he would get that money and not other taxpayers. I agreed with him. He was then contacted by a member of council who gave him the correct information and it made sense. Council should be giving proper information from the start, but this is just another example that not all of them do.

When you compare the cost of other incentives, the solar project gives us the best bang for our bucks.

Now returned, for example, as a direct subsidy of \$300 for the first five one and approximately 10 per cent subsidized for every one after that. The Councillor Self education policy is \$3,000 a year just for the tuition portion. These numbers and percentages are extra so avoid. \$2,000 each or so gets added on to that. There's a pretty long list you can look up.

A special meeting was called by Brazeau County Reeve Bart Goyon for November 13th allowing county residents to discuss and get more information on the project. Seven Lincoln, the Mayor of Devon who has actually been a firm runner in putting in solar systems throughout his area, was on hand to share information. He's walked the walk so he can talk the talk. Clifton LaBerge, a contractor for Great Canadian Solar, also took the time to share information with us.

Now with that being said, imagine how shocked we all were when four members of council decided to not have the meeting? Their actions were disrespectful to county residents and the invited guests. They're playing politics rather than helping residents and our community.

One councillor said he didn't like how it was put together. Who cares? It was information for the people of the county. Another example of not putting residents first.

Another councillor felt the public didn't know enough about solar. Well why not? You're a councillor, isn't it up to you to have a public meeting in your area? After all, county residents put you in office. It's your job to inform us and listen to what we're saying. I was also told by one councillor member that he was for the solar, but just wasn't enough. Wow. How do you put an elephant? One bite at a time. I told him I believed solar was a great start to going green.

Now you are probably wondering what about the meeting? Wasn't it cancelled? County resident Allan Taylor asked if we could have an informal meeting. Seven and Clifton had come out on their own time to share information. Both men graciously agreed to my. Seven was an awesome man, very caring and courteous to county residents as they asked questions. Clifton gave us information on the savings with solar which include having your power rates locked in for the term of your lease. Both speakers predict power costs will increase 4% each year. He also discussed installation. Another gracious individual.

The weird thing is that of the four councillors that voted against the meeting, two of them stuck around for a bit, but in my opinion they didn't have anything because their minds were closed. One councillor did stay for the whole meeting. I want to give a huge thank you to Councillors Kara Westman and Shirley Mahan for taking the time to let a lot of people know about the meeting and for seeing how super this solar system project would be as a start to going green.

If I were serious about moving the county towards going green, I would be embracing and listening to a man like Devon's Mayor who's actually doing solar systems already. No councillor in my knowledge has that experience, yet they're to stop residents from learning more about it.

Thank you,
Barb Gledhill
Brazeau County

Warren Buffet and Keystone

What you won't hear from the main stream media

President Obama's decision to say no to the Keystone Pipeline took seven years. This has let Canada spend eight billion dollars to get ready to go ahead with the pipeline. Can't we build our own refinery to refine this product, which the Americans call "Dirty Oil"? But do you know that Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) owns all of the rail lines in the US that connect to western Canada, and they haul 80 per cent of the crude from Canada to the Midwest and Texas? BNSF charges \$10 per barrel to haul the oil while the Keystone Pipeline would cost \$10 per barrel by the State Department's own estimate.

BNSF is owned by Berkshire Hathaway whose chairman in the last two elections is Warren Buffet. Buffet gave generously to Democratic causes and candidates. He also hosted numerous fund dinners for Obama. If anyone believes the Keystone Pipeline isn't being blocked by Obama or Buffet's behalf, I've got a bridge to sell you. Buffet could stand to lose \$2 billion plus a year and thereafter.

The Canada and Alberta governments, along with our people, have always been there to help the Americans with their wars. We have lost a great many of our soldiers that never came

back, while others have been handicapped, something that has been very hard on many a family as well as the medical system.

Alberta's regulatory board, the ERCB and now AER (Alberta Energy Regulator) made many a trip to the US to train their people and to improve their regulations for the oil/gas industry, along with what our board has accomplished. We have sent many industrial people to the US as consultants, rig hands, oil and gas employees, etc. NOW they have all been let go back home after our people have been helping them in the development of their oil and gas. So, would you say that there are a lot of backdoor deals being made at our expense?

Warren Buffet and President Obama should be very ashamed of themselves for writing rich at the expense of the people who helped them get that way?

The media should help for this to be known to the general public. Our federal and provincial governments should make stand up to the plate and say "Enough is enough!"

Is there not something we can do or trade to get the upper hand for once with the Americans?

I know that we need the US to help protect our borders, but why should we always do the paying?

I think we should all stand up and be accountable.

Dennis Schell,
Drayton Valley

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Is there government assistance for a new business?

Dear Workplace:
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Dear Wondering

There are a number of resources that can assist you with starting your own business—the most significant being the Business Link.

The Business Link is funded by the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada to provide a wealth of free and low-cost services to Alberta entrepreneurs.

The Business Link (canada.business.ab.ca) provides advice on researching, starting, buying, financing, growing, managing, and marketing your business. They provide information on taxes, government grants, loans, subsidies and tax credits, importing and exporting products, hiring staff and setting up your payroll.

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directory of more than 200 business incubators / accelerator organizations located in communities across the province who specialize in helping local entrepreneurs start and grow their businesses.

The Alberta Small Business Resources website (smallbusiness.alberta.ca) is a directory of helpful resources and links for new and established entrepreneurs, including information on starting, funding, licensing, operating and growing your business.

If you will be hiring any staff, the government of Alberta's new Job Creation Incentive Program (work.alberta.ca/jobcreation) might be of interest. The program provides grants of up to \$5,000 to eligible employers for new hires.

Western Economic Diversification (wd.gc.ca/eng/3310.asp) funds 20 Community Futures offices located across Alberta to provide economic development outside major urban centres. Community Futures provides advice to businesses, loans, and self-employment assistance programs.

Alberta Women Entrepreneurs (www.awebusiness.com) offers training, mentorship and loans to help women start and grow a business. Entrepreneur Canada (http://lurpreneur.ca) provides young (18-39) entrepreneurs with expertise, financing, mentoring and business resources.

In addition to offering loans, the Business Development Bank (bdc.ca) provides free advice to entrepreneurs along with a free assessment of your website.

If you live in a rural community, you may be able to take advantage of one of the four Rural Alberta Business Centres (rabc.ca), which provide one-stop access to information, advice, seminars and services for business owners.

Finally, self-employment tips, including how to start and build your business, are available on the ALIS web site at alis.alberta.ca/ja/wo/ small bus.html.

This is only a partial list of the government-funded services and programs that are available across the province to help you get your business off the ground.

Check with your city/town's economic development office or your local Alberta Works Centre (human-services.alberta.ca/offices) for additional local resources, including local business incubators/accelerators. Good luck!

Do you have a work-related question? Send your questions to Working Wise, at charles.strachey@gov.ab.ca. Charles Strachey is a manager with Alberta Human Services. This column is provided for general information.



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Starting up a new business such as a trucking company can be made easier with the support of government assistance programs and resources.

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Obituaries

Laraine Combs • 1942-2015

Laraine kept address that she was the passing of Laraine Combs at Drayton Valley, Alberta on Friday, November 13, 2015 at the age of 73 years.

Laraine was born to Kenneth and Mary Ann Combs. She was a member of the United Church of Canada, Drayton Valley.

Laraine was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Combs. She is survived by her son, David Combs, and her daughter, Linda Combs.

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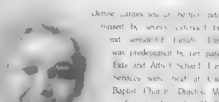
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In Memoriam

Ethan Thebeau (19 years) Nov 27, 1999 - Nov 29, 2008

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- Sit and Get Fit exercise class @ 10 a.m. at Sunrise Village (3902-47th St.) Exercises done from a chair. All seniors welcome.
- Pairs and third - Brain Injury Support Group meets @ Mitch's at 12:30 p.m.
- Bingo at the Drayton Valley Legion. Doors open at 9:30 p.m.
- Line dancing @ the Scout Hall, 4:30 p.m.
- Bingo Tomahawk & gra Centre, doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo at 7:30 p.m. 780-338-2423 or 780-338-3747 for information!

Tuesdays

- DV Art Club meetings, 7 p.m. 542-7320
- Kin-Club meetings, (780) 621-0517
- Anger hurts everyone, DV Family Support & Intervention Program, women's group, 7 p.m. 542-6702 for more info.
- 1st & 2nd Tuesday
- Royal Purple meetings, Westwood Motor Inn (upstairs), 7:30 p.m. Morna @ 542-2854 for info.

- All-Anon meetings for friends and family of alcoholics takes place every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Canada in Drayton Valley.
- 2nd Tuesday
- Metis Cultural Youth Society meets @ 7 p.m. at PMHS Outreach, 780-542-9398 for more info.
- Pre-school swim, 12-12:40 p.m. @ DV Pool, 696-2543 for info.

Wednesdays

- Derrick Toastmasters meet 7-8:30 p.m. @ NorQuest College Campus. Everyone welcome. Call Marc @ 780-729-4932 for more info.
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- DV Family Support & Intervention Program, men's group, 7-9 p.m. 542-6702
- TOPS meetings, 12-2 @ Church of God, 542-4286, 542-7653
- 2nd Tuesday @ 6:00 p.m. @ Drayton Valley Evergreen Farmers Market from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. between March and December.

1st Wednesday

- Bezeau Regional Search and Rescue @ 7 p.m. Don @ 780-

542-2817, new members welcomed.

- Buck Creek Community Assoc. general meetings.
- Women in the Wind meets @ River Rock (Super 8), 7 p.m.

2nd Wednesday

- DV Citizens on Patrol Society (COPS) meets, 7 p.m. Visit www.dravonvalleycop.com to get involved.
- 3rd Wednesday
- Jamblers @ Wildwood Community Hall. Doors open 5:30 p.m.
- 4th Wednesday
- DV Genealogical Society board meeting, 7:30 p.m. @ the hall.
- Max Performing Arts Centre board meeting, 3:45 p.m. on Max mezzanine.
- Wildwood Community Hall board meets, 7:30 p.m. @ the hall.

5th Wednesday

- DV & District Church Support Group meets, 11:30 a.m. Arcadia room, Westwind, Howard @ 780-542-2735 and Fern @ 780-542-5416 for info.
- DV & District Historical Society meets, 1 p.m. at senior's drop-in centre.

Thursdays

- Narcotics Anonymous meetings, 7 p.m. @ United Church.
- Brighter Futures Indoor Play, ground in Violet Grove, 10:11:30 a.m. Call 780-514-5070 or 780-696-2543 for more information.
- Drayton Valley Fine Art Society's PAINT IN NOON at the Lutheran Church.
- 2nd Thursday
- Mountain Lodge meetings, 7:30 p.m. (780) 542-5473.
- DV Hospital Auxiliary meets, 7 p.m. @ the hospital.
- General meeting for Ensign Community Hall @ the hall starting @ 7:30 p.m. except June, July, August.

3rd Thursday

- DV Hearts & Hands Quilters Guild at Emmaus Lutheran Church, at 7 p.m.
- Fridays
- Sit and Get Fit exercise class @ 10 a.m. at Sunrise Village (3902-47th St.) Exercises done from a chair. All seniors welcome.
- All-Anon meets, 8 p.m. Evansburg Catholic Church, Cheryl @ 780-542-6702 for more information.
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News

Seasonal decor harvest is easy to do with greenery

"Tis the Season" and the very first thing that we do to celebrate the upcoming Christmas-time is festoon the front entrance to the house with seasonal greenery.

Here are some options that do not require you to visit your local retailer. Some of these ideas provide an opportunity for you to get out of doors and give your garden one last inspection before winter really sets in. Make sure that you have killed up your roses. Wrap your canes and other evergreens to protect them for winter in two layers of burlap. And put a spiral cord around the trunk of each young fruit tree in your yard to ward off rodent damage.

1. Evergreen greens. They are called 'evergreen' for a reason. The coniferous trees and shrubs around your property provide lots of opportunities for you to 'spruce' (intentional pun) up your front entrance. Pruning a 'Christmas tree' shaped tree to harvest some greens is not too difficult, if you have the right tools. A pruning saw and pair of loppers is in order. Make sure that they are clean and sharp. Take the boughs

from the lower portion of the tree and remove more than you think you will need. A long branch of evergreen stems may provide several stems of greens that you can tuck into window boxes and hanging baskets full of soil, where they will tuck into place in a couple of weeks. Note that for every branch or limb that you cut from a maturing tree new growth will eventually form. This will take time, but your evergreen will thicken in two or three years. Avoid cutting great swathes of branches from a well-balanced, giant looking tree or you will succeed in creating holes in the foliage that will look odd, at best.

Soft evergreens, which are sometimes referred to as 'broad-leaved evergreens' like yews, boxwood and evergreen holly can be harvested too. Pruning the mature growth from the bottom of each plant in your best bet to preserve the appearance and shape of each plant.

It is not harmful to evergreens to be pruned this time of year, so go for it.

Rose Hips. The roses on your neighbours vine are his, so leave



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them alone. Take a good look at the finished flowers on your own plants and inspect them for mature rose hips, the red/orange swollen seed pods on the plant. These can provide an interesting addition to your outdoor display. Rose hips make a colourful addition to a centre piece indoors too.

2. Ornamental grasses. If you allow your ornamental grasses to stand over the winter, you have a great opportunity to create some visual drama at your front door. Cut them at the ground level so that you don't leave an unsightly stem standing in your garden and harvest from the outside of the plant to help retain a balanced appearance to the remainder of the plant that stands in your garden. Use

the cuttings in the centre of urns and large pots and surround the tall grasses with evergreen boughs. The idea is to create a welcoming entrance to your residence at a time of year when you want invited guests to feel at home.

3. Colourful shrub cuttings. Red and yellow twig dogwood and white birch can add a lot to a seasonal display. I am not advocating that you take the local sawn up conservation area for this stuff, but the truth is many farmers consider the native, red osier dogwood to be a weed. If you were to cut some of them down in an effort to create a nice display at your home many land owners would be quite happy for your efforts. I recommend that you ask, just the same.

4. Fruits and seeds. Pine and spruce cones, chestnuts. Moun-tain Ash seed clusters - have a look around your neighbourhood and you might be surprised at what you find. Again, I am not advocating that you poach the neighbourhood of excess plant parts, but let's be honest, if you pick up some chestnuts from the ground in your local park, who would really care, other than a few squirrels? Cone-fruits like those harvested from spruce and pine trees will expand when you bring them indoors to dry out. A bowl of them, in a variety of sizes, can be quite appealing on the dinner table.

When you have completed your exploration for raw material, don't hesitate to let your creative juices flow. I dropped by a friends place the other day to find the man of the house happily cutting up long stems of evergreen and showing them to us from the front of the house. This is not a 'guy thing' or a 'girl thing'. It is not even a 'Christmas' thing. It should simply be a 'fun' thing.

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Red dogwood from your backyard can easily become a festive decoration this holiday season as can other trees, plants and grasses.

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